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Marginal Column

By GEORGE LEONOF

THE election in Moscow yesterday of Ilya Ehrenburg and other prominent "non-conforming" Soviet literati to the governing body of the Soviet Writers Union adds definite weight to the timid hopes voiced early in the post-Stalin period — and since then almost shattered — that Soviet literature is breaking away from the rigid Zhdanov ideals of ideologically fleckless supermen. The 42-man presidium named at the conclusion of the Soviet writers congress now includes such much-criticized critics of the official line as Vera Panova and the poet Alexander Tvardovsky. What is particularly interesting is that they were elected following only recent attacks on their works and attitude by heavy party artillery, which boomed indignantly against Ehrenburg's "The Thaw" and Panova's "The Seasons." As for Tvardovsky, he was dismissed only last August from his post as editor of the "Literary Gazette," organ of the Soviet Writers Union, for articles said to have adopted an incorrect line in literary criticism."

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THREE works of both Ehrenburg and Panova were at first greeted with a rare enthusiasm. They were realistic, sincere and dared to present Soviet reality through the eyes of men and women whose emotions and reactions were for the most part ruled by ordinary human standards. The works themselves and the initial favourable reception marked them as trail-blazers for their realism and sincerity. There was some confusion a little later when other official criticism found them devoid of positive and ideological content and admonished earlier reviewers who had failed to detect these faults. Foreign observers of the Soviet literary trend were not aided in forming conclusions by the fact that "Pravda," organ of the Soviet Communist Party, adversely criticized a work which already bore the stamp of approval of "Izvestia," journal of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

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BUT the ball set rolling by "The Thaw" and "The Seasons" was not kicked off the field, despite "Pravda's" irritation. Only recently, Boris Polevoi, one of the most prominent and respected Soviet writers, published a short story in the weekly "Ogonyok" in which the central figure is an old comedian, pallid with fear at the sight of enemy bombers, who nevertheless manages to avert a panic among raw recruits on an airfield by continuing a brilliant performance during a raid—and is violently ill from his effort afterwards. Polevoi does not make his actor attribute his performance to the revolution, to party inspiration, to borscht — or anything at all: he leaves "Ogonyok's" pages, as he entered them, a pathetic figure, terribly shaken and scared to death of flying back to town with the visiting theatrical troupe.

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PERHAPS some indication of the strength of this new realistic, human approach should be derived by Ehrenburg's attitude at the recent congress. He not only defended his own works against charges of "objectivism," but counter-attacked with unusual vigour. He charged Soviet writers with creating wooden characters untrue to life who bore readers "because they do not find their own contemporaries depicted truly in these books," and charged certain writers with writing untruths, though with the best intentions. He said Soviet readers are far in advance of the writers, and no longer want books in which it is clear after the first few pages that "the knaves will be defeated and the progressive worker will be victorious." Soviet literature, Ehrenburg concluded, must be more complex, must "get away from the black and white."

Jerusalem, December 30.

Criticized Authors Head Soviet Writers Union

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Ilya Ehrenburg, whose latest novel "The Thaw" has been subjected to considerable criticism in the Soviet press, was one of 42 writers elected to the Presidium (governing body) of the Union of Soviet Writers, Moscow Radio reported today.

The new Presidium, elected following the congress of the Union which ended last week, also included two other writers subjected to criticism this year. They are Vera Panova, the woman writer from Leningrad, and Alexander Tvardovsky, the poet. The latter was dismissed from his post as editor of the "Literary Gazette" last August after he had published a series of articles stated to have shown an "incorrect line" in literary criticism.

SPEEDERS LOSE
Any speed which is too high for the conditions of road, weather, traffic and the driver's own ability is dangerous. Remember: The time you may gain is not worth the lives you may sacrifice.
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS

French Assembly Vote Put Off Till Today

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — The National Assembly vote on German rearmament was postponed until 4 p.m. G.M.T. tomorrow. This was decided upon by the Steering Committee which met at the end of the debate tonight and ruled that a difficulty arising from the Assembly's regulations prevented the vote being taken tonight.

It seemed clear that during the dinner recess experts in the regulations of the Assembly had discovered something opening to question an earlier ruling by the Speaker.

This was that although the bill being considered by the Assembly had been changed by the withdrawal of one of its paragraphs it was made to allow the Assembly to vote on its remaining parts.

A move was made just before the dinner adjournment which was interpreted as a sign that a favourable vote was confidently expected. A number of deputies from all groups, except the Communists, tabled a motion to be adopted after the two confidence votes connected with the Paris agreements were to be passed later.

This motion was general reaffirmation of the Assembly's "indissoluble attachment to the fundamental and indivisible principles of French policy — maintenance of Atlantic solidarity, reinforcement of European cohesion and untiring search for international understanding."

The object of the resolution was to demonstrate to the outside world that the French Parliament is fully united in its support of the Atlantic alliance.

The afternoon debate was again held up by a wrangle about procedure when the Assembly resumed its session after the dinner recess. A right-wing deputy, M. Francois Quilici, an opponent of German rearmament, raised a point of order claiming that the minutes of the last session were incorrect.

This forced the Speaker to ask the Assembly whether it agreed with M. Quilici on whether it accepted the minutes as correct. A vote was taken and the Assembly approved the previous minutes, allowing the debate to proceed. The vote was 293 to 108.

If M. Mendes-France wins his battle for the Paris agreements it appears almost certain he will remain in office at least until the end of January.

Both Conservatives and Catholic Popular Republicans are trying to oust him at the first possible opportunity. But the Assembly will adjourn on December 31 until January 11, and the first ten days will be taken up with the election of the Speaker and chairmen of parliamentary commissions.

Belgrade Calls For Stronger Forces

BELGRADE, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Defence Minister, Gen. Ivan Gosnjak, told Parliament that Yugoslavia must further strengthen her armed forces despite some relaxation of world tension. He was presenting the defence budget for 1955.

He announced that Yugoslavia would spend 175,800m. dinars on defence next year, slightly more than the 172,700m. dinars spent this year. He said that American military aid was "fairly extensive" but he regretted that U.S. naval assistance was small.

The Minister of Interior, Mr. Svetislav Stefanovic, declared today that the expelled Politburo member, Mr. Milovan Djilas, was becoming the rallying point "of class enemies and foreign agents."

Addressing Parliament on the 1955 budget estimates for his Ministry, he attacked Mr. Djilas, who, in a statement to foreign correspondents last week, called for the formation of a social democratic state. Mr. Stefanovic said that there was little activity this year by Cominform elements, and that only 167 Cominformists were subjected to legal action. Altogether, 283 Cominformists were doing "valuable" labour and another 1,863 were serving prison sentences.

Meanwhile, Parliament lifted the immunity of the rebel Communist leader, Mr. Vladimir Dedijer, last night to allow him to stand trial on a charge of conducting hostile propaganda against the State. Mr. Dedijer is still free and the police cordon thrown around his house yesterday was withdrawn today. He was expelled from the Serbian Journalists Association today.

Mr. Djilas and Mr. Dedijer were both regarded as pro-Western in some ways. Many politicians and trade unionists in Europe and the United States were among their personal friends.

Naphtali Deflates Reports Of Poisoned Foods; Purity Bill Ready

Jerusalem Post Knesset Correspondent

The menace of impure or "poisoned" foodstuffs in Israel had been greatly exaggerated, said the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. P. Naphtali, in the Knesset yesterday, replying to a motion for debate tabled by Mr. Erem (Ahdut Ha'Avoda).

Mr. Naphtali said that personally he would welcome a debate on this subject, but that he was concerned mainly with the fairly frequent cases of fraudulent admixtures of harmless materials to prepared foodstuffs rather than with the deleterious foodstuffs that had been so much in the public eye recently.

As far as these were concerned, it was correct that a consignment of buckwheat groats obtained from the usual source in South Africa had been infected with a parasitic fungus producing *ergot*, a drug used in medicine but capable of causing symptoms of poisoning. Two out of three or four processers in Israel had failed to clean the buckwheat of these grains.

Fortunately only a single case of illness had been recorded which was attributed to consumption of the groats, and as the symptoms in this case were those of an eye infection it was not clear whether they were really caused by *ergot*.

When examination of a number of samples showed that between 20 and 25 per cent contained *ergot* it had been decided to withdraw the entire consignment from the market. It had not yet been agreed who would pay the loss occasioned.

There had been no complaints of any illness caused by the possible presence of insecticides in bottled grape juice. Samples of grape juice had been analyzed at intervals and found fit for consumption. It was correct that an officer in his Ministry had written a report on the presence of chemical sprays on grapes used for manufacturing juices "and apparently one of the papers had access to this report."

There was a more serious case involving the use of paraffin oil in sweet wafers, and three manufacturers had been prosecuted.

Mr. Naphtali said that his Ministry had prepared a comprehensive Food Act covering all aspects of foods sold that were not in accordance with the specifications. It would take some time, however, for the Act to become law, as it involved the Ministries of Health and of Trade and Industry as well as that of Agriculture, and a good deal of consultation and coordination were necessary.

The Knesset voted to send the matter to the Economic Committee for study.

CRUSHED BY CRANE

REHOVOT, Wednesday.—David Rosanes, 39, of Kfar Hayeor, near Gedera, was killed this morning when his spine was broken by a heavy crane falling on him at the Tel Asani oil drilling site, near Kfar Menahem, in the South.

Claims Workers Of Herut Intimidated

Intimidation of workers affiliated with the National Labour Union by emissaries of the General Federation of Labour was charged by Mr. A. Shostak in a motion tabled for the debate in the Knesset yesterday.

He said that the workers at the Ramaff factory at Ramat Hasharon had been interfered with and warned not to go to work, and that parents of workers in the near-by *ma'barot* had been threatened with trouble. The factory had been established by two people from the "Altalena" (the Etzel vessel beached in 1948 which was taken over by force by Haganah), and these were free to make a labour contract with any union they wished.

He claimed that picketing by Histadrut workers was totally unjustified and had led to clashes and injuries. "Is the Ministry of Labour going to wait until somebody is killed before it intervenes?" he asked.

Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, replying, said that there were several points of view in the case. One claim, opposed to that of Mr. Shostak, was that there had been a strike at the factory and that the present workers had originally been members of the General Federation, and had only changed over recently. The Ministry had proposed mediation three weeks ago, but the General Federation had been willing to negotiate with the employers only, and not the third side involved, and the Ministry was not empowered to enforce mediation. On Tuesday, however, all sides had agreed to negotiate a settlement. She added that it was absurd to speak of "masses of workers" involved, as the factory only employs 12 men.

Dr. M. Sneh (Communist), asked that the question be sent to Committee to investigate the action of police in intervening against strike pickets.

Both motions were rejected, the Knesset voting to strike off the motion.

CORRIDOR GUARDS SHOOT AT INFILTRATORS

Several persons who attempted to break into a house in the Nes Harim settlement in the Jerusalem Corridor early yesterday morning fled after being shot at by the guards. The guards opened fire when the men believed to be infiltrators, refused to identify themselves.

Peking Invited To Afro-Asia Parley; Israel Snubbed

DJAKARTA, Wednesday. — Communist China and Japan are being invited to join the conference of Asian and African leaders in Indonesia next April to discuss moves to lessen world tension, it was announced her today. The invitations are being sent out by the Prime Ministers of India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon and Indonesia, meeting at Bogor, near here, for a "Little Geneva" conference.

A conference source said that the Prime Ministers had decided, after a long debate, against asking Israel, for fear that this might alienate Moslem countries.

According to sources quoted by the United Press, the only point on which there was disagreement among the Prime Ministers after it was decided to invite Peking, was whether to invite Israel. There appeared to be some sentiment in favour of inviting her, but Moslem Pakistan was known to be dead set against this.

Prime Minister Mohammed Ali, of Pakistan, came to Bogor after an informal conference with Middle East Arab nations. He presumably has informed his Bogor colleagues that these nations might rescind their earlier decision to attend the conference if Israel were accepted.

Invitations will also be sent to Afghinastan, Cambodia, the Central African Federation, Egypt, Ethiopia, the Gold Coast, Persia, Iraq, Jordan, Laos, the Lebanon, Libya, Nepal, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, Syria, Turkey, South Vietnam, North Vietnam and the Yemen.

The five Premiers said they hope that the Prime Minister or Foreign Minister of every country would attend. Matters to be discussed will be decided by the delegates.

(Reuter, UP)

MARGINAL QUESTION

The Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent writes that the question of Israel's attendance at the Asian conference in April is only a marginal one as far as the inviting powers are concerned. The conference will be mainly concerned with problems arising out of the presence of China and Japan, since the former will be a serious challange to India's predominance there.

The protagonists of Israel's invitation were no doubt the Burmese and the Indians, but in face of the opposition of Pakistan and the threat that the Arab bloc would not attend if an invitaion were sent to Israel, they could hardly be expected to insist. What they will probably do is try to ensure that the conference is not turned into a sounding board against Israel.

It will be recalled that at the Colombo conference held in May this year, there was a very moderate resolution about Arab refugees and Israel. This was the result of much watering-down of a very violent text submitted by the Moslems.

Most U.S. Arms Aid To Go to Far East

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter).—The U.S. plans to give $1,120m. worth of arms, reportedly 80 per cent of the entire 1955 military aid programme, to six countries in Asia to bolster defences against Communism.

Japan, Pakistan, the Philippines, Indo-China, Thailand, and Formosa are the main beneficiaries. The new programme is now being given its finishing touches.

President Eisenhower is reported to be ready to ask Congress to approve a total of $1,400m. for the entire programme, probably during January. The military aid will be additional to the extensive economic assistance programme under discussion by Mr. Harold Stassen, Foreign Operations Administrator, and the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles.

Arab FM's to Meet On Pacts With West

The Jordan Foreign Minister, Walid Salah, has invited the Lebanese and Syrian Foreign Ministers to a meeting to discuss the resolutions of the recent Arab League Political Committee regarding Arab policy towards defence pacts with the West, the Old City daily, "Falastin," reported yesterday.

The paper sneered editorially at the announcement of the "unanimous agreement" on this subject reached by the Arab Foreign Ministers in Cairo. It wondered if there was need now to meet again in order to "reach agreement on the unanimous agreement of last month."

ARABS START TALKS ON JORDAN WATERS

Negotiations have been opened between the Arab countries concerned regarding the Jordan River valley project prior to the arrival in the Middle East next month of Mr. Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy, according to NEABS yesterday.

Bat Galim About To Sail, Report Says

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA).—An Alexandria prize court decided last night to release the ship, the Bat Galim, which was expected to sail for Israel with her 10-man crew either today or tomorrow, the Associated Press reports from Cairo.

(There was no confirmation of this report up to late last night from any Egyptian or other Arab source.)

Six Cairo Jews To Be Tried in Week

CAIRO, Wednesday (UP). — The six Jews who were arrested on charges of Communist activities in Egypt linked with the French Communist Party, will be tried by a military court in about a week, according to Ali Nur e-Din, State Security Department attorney who investigated the case.

He emphasized today that the six were not involved in any espionage for Israel but that the affair was one of pure Communist activity. The group, he revealed, received instructions from Communist organizations in Paris on how to form Communist underground cells in Egypt.

Simultaneously, the group supplied the French organizations with information on Egyptian political, economic, and military conditions, as well as the progress it was making in the local Communist movement, the investigator stated.

SHOW TRIAL HELD UP

The Cairo tribunal hearing the case of the 10 Jews charged with sabotage and spying for Israel will postpone sessions until Saturday due to the illness of one of the judges, NEABS reported yesterday.

Meanwhile, of the 170 Jews arrested for questioning in connection with the trial, the authorities have released only 20, it was reported.

Moslem Brotherhood Man Gets Death

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuter).—A special tribunal sentenced one man to death and 17 others to terms of imprisonment here today for taking part in a Moslem Brotherhood conspiracy to overthrow the Government. Five were sent to prison for life. The court acquitted 37 other defendants.

Nearly 300 members of the Moslem Brotherhood have now been sent to prison since an attempt was made on the life of Prime Minister Abdul Nasser in Alexandria last October.

Burns Holds Talks In Demilitarized Zone

General E.L.M. Burns, head of the Truce Supervision Organization flew to Damascus yesterday morning, and from there proceeded to the demilitarized zone on the Israel frontier. In his visit to the zone he was accompanied by the chairman of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission and the Israel delegation to that body.

The United Nations spokesman stated that General Burns while in Syria would finish talks begun ten days ago with the Government there.

The discussions in the demilitarized zone, it is understood, dealt among other things, with the Arab community at Bakkara which is situated in the zone on the Israel side of the international boundary.

It was learned in Jerusalem yesterday that the Israel annexe to General Burn's report on the demilitarized zone has already been handed over and that the TSO head's report to the Security Council on the subject will probably be transmitted early next week.

General Burns is expected back in Israel today.

It is reported from Beersheba that farm tools worth IL.400 were stolen by marauders on Tuesday night from kibbutz Gvulot in the Western Negev. The tracks of two men led over the Gaza Strip Armistice line.

1,000 Moved from Homes In Flooded Coastal Plain

Rain All Day In Haifa

HAIFA, Wednesday. — With brief intermissions, rain poured on Haifa most of last night and all today with occasional thunder and lightning. Because the town is hilly, making the run-off of rain water swift, no serious case of flooding was reported. Three minor cases were quickly attended to by the Municipal fire brigade.

However, a large number of telephone lines were thrown out of order. For a solid hour dialing "16" brought an "engaged" signal. Telephone workers are having difficulty repairing all the damage. Work in the Port was at a standstill.

In the Acre sub-district, police were put on the alert for any flooding that might occur during the night. The rains are continuing and the waters pouring through the wadi beds are still rising.

From Safad, it is reported that for 10 minutes this morning snow fell on Manara and Misgav Am. However, it melted quickly, but the frost continued. Snow also fell on and around Safad, where several houses were evacuated.

In the North, the roads are all passable except for a stretch between Kiryat Shmoneh and Amir (in Upper Galilee) which is flooded. Traffic has been diverted northward through Beit Hillel.

JERUSALEM UNAFFECTED

The recent heavy rains caused no serious damage in Jerusalem Corridor *ma'abarot*, police officers stated yesterday after making a tour of the villages.

Halpern Heads Power Company Board

The newly-elected Board of Directors of the Palestine Electric Corporation, which was acquired by the Government last month, held its first meeting yesterday and elected Dr. George Halpern as Chairman.

The Board also voted to retain Mr. Abraham Rutenberg as Managing Director, and elected Mr. Y. Barhav as Secretary of the Corporation.

It was decided to form an executive committee composed of six of the directors. They are Mr. Rutenberg, Chairman; Dr. Halpern; Mr. D. Tuvyahu, Mayor of Beersheba; Mr. Y. Peled, Director General of the Ministry of Development; Mr. Y. Shapira, a veteran P.E.C. executive, and Rav-Aluf M. Makleff.

Dr. Halpern, the new chairman of the Board, has been associated with electricity development in this country since 1919, even before the P.E.C. was organized, and has been a director of the Corporation from its very beginning.

Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Development, who opened yesterday's meeting in Jerusalem, reviewed the history of the development of electric power in this country, and declared that the Government was making a bold experiment in including employees of the corporation on the board of directors.

Mr. Rutenberg, who then took the chair, recalled that his brother, the late Pinhas Rutenberg who founded the Corporation, had always regarded it as a national one. For this reason he had requested from the British the concession for the entire country, including Trans-Jordan.

This was granted, except for Jerusalem, where a prior Turkish concession was already in force. Now that the Jerusalem Electric Corporation had been acquired, the concession of the P.E.C. applied to the entire country.

After the meeting, the Minister of Development and Mrs. Joseph held a reception in their home to mark the occasion.

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UN Report on Syrian Plane Vote

Details of the Chairman's reasons for abstaining from voting on Syria's resolution at Tuesday's meeting of the Israel-Syria Mixed Armistice Commission, were published by the Truce Supervision Organization yesterday.

It was reported briefly that at the meeting, held in connection with Syria's complaint that on December 12 an aircraft of "Syrian Airlines was re-routed by two Israeli Air Force planes and was forced to land on Lydda airfield," a Syrian resolution was rejected with Israel voting against. The Chairman abstained.

The Chairman, Colonel Castanguay, stated that "according to all collected statements and evidence, the Syrian aircraft did not violate Israel air space as it is defined in the General Armistice Agreement." He went on to say, however, that it did not seem to him that "the exact location of the aircraft at the moment of its interception was fully established."

If the first hypothesis was correct, said the Chairman, then it was doubtful whether the case came within the competence of the Armistice Agreement.

"In the second hypothesis," continued Colonel Castanguay, "in other words if it had been indisputably established that the interception of the Syrian aircraft by Israel planes had taken place in the proximity of the Israel aerial control zone but beyond its limits, I would not have hesitated to consider this action as an 'aggressive or hostile act' under the terms of the General Armistice Agreement calling for a sanction on the part of the Commission.

"Abiding by the terms of reference of this Commission and being anxious not to act outside its purview, or to create a new procedure in very complex matters, I caution the parties with regard to the grave consequences which may be brought about by an incident of this nature, not only in the international field, but also on the level of the relations between the parties as they are defined

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Army, Police in Rescue Work

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — About a thousand persons, mainly women and children were evacuated from their homes along the coastal plain during the day. Hundreds of houses have been cut off by the incessant torrential rains flooding low-lying areas.

Several roads along the coast are flooded and communication between settlements and even parts of this city have been dislocated.

The Army, the Navy and the Police were very busy helping flood victims. The Jewish Agency, the fire brigades and the municipalities of the whole area are on continuous watch.

The Hiriya and Sakiya *ma'barot*, where canvas huts became dangerously flooded, presented a sorry sight. An army unit, helped by the police, moved 500 women and children to schools and public buildings in Ramat Gan and to an Army base. The rescue operation began at two o'clock this afternoon and continued until late tonight.

Police today ordered a number of houses in the Amidar quarter of Ra'anana and in Gan Rashal, in Herzliya, to be evacuated, fearing that the nearby *wadi* might overflow during the night.

The centre of Netanya was hard hit. A large residential and shopping centre in Rehov Herzl was isolated and persons who had to leave their homes urgently were carried out by firemen. Shop basements were flooded. Serious damage to property is reported. The single pump available was insufficient to reduce the water level.

The Natanya veterans housing quarter was also cut off when the bridge leading to it collapsed.

In the Ezra and Hatikva and Florentine quarters in Tel Aviv, families were evacuated all day. Some rescue parties could not reach affected spots on vehicles and had to slog there slowly on foot.

A one-storey house in 32nd St., Jaffa, collapsed this evening. Mr. Moshe Novak and his family, who live in it, were evacuated in time.

In the Emek Hefer, the Alexander River overflowed, completely covering the fields. The entire area now looked like a huge lake.

The Amidar housing quarter in Kfar Yavne, near Rehovot, stood in a one-and-a-half metre deep pool of water. Thirty-eight families were evacuated in so great a hurry that they were unable to pack even basic necessities. In the late afternoon, firemen tried to reach the district using a raft, but they were unsuccessful.

A Navy unit was summoned to Azur village, outside Tel Aviv on the main road to Jerusalem, which was completely surrounded by over half a metre of water. The sailors used boats which were brought up on trucks. They reached the stranded houses and gave them enough food for 24 hours. A few families whose flats were flooded were evacuated.

The Beit Dagon area and the coastal road to the south were flooded in several places. A heavy truck of the Public Works Department put up white painted barrels to mark the edges of the road.

At nightfall, all buses from Tel Aviv to Kfar Saba had to be rerouted via the Natanya road and Herzliya, instead of using the usual road through Petah Tikva, as the main road was flooded near Megged. All traffic to Holon and Bat Yam has been diverted through the "security road", because Salameh Road is impassable.

Train connections along the coast were irregular as trains had to slow down considerably.

In several places, the water reached embankment level.

The notorious *wadi* Musrara, officially known as Nahal Ayalon, is being watched carefully tonight. The dyke built along it off the Montefiore quarter was at one time threatened by the rushing waters. About nine o'clock tonight the *wadi* overflowed at its junction with the Ramat Gan road which became impassable for over an hour. Traffic was diverted to side roads. Sheinkin Bridge was clear during the day, but the road near Ha'

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More Rains Forecast

Today will be "generally showery" over most parts of the country with local thunderstorms, the Meteorological Services said last night.

TA Water Receding, Appeal for Blankets

The water began subsiding at 10 o'clock last night in Tel Aviv. By midnight, its level along the Musrara River dyke had fallen by a metre. Firemen thought that the threat to the Montefiore quarter was over.

Traffic was almost back to normal at midnight in Tel Aviv. Northbound traffic was again using the Yarkon bridge. Police however warned all drivers to use utmost caution.

Mr. Joseph Serlin, Minister of Health, has instructed all Ministry health services to stand by to extend medical aid in the event of injuries resulting from the rains and floods, it was announced last night.

The Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Haim Levanon, appealed to the public to donate blankets and warm clothing to the evacuees. The Nordau elementary school will be the reception centre. A committee head by Mr. Haim Alperin was appointed to direct the relief operations on behalf of the Municipality.

Mother, Infant Lost In Flood Identified

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KFAR SABA, Wednesday. — The mother who was swept away with her baby yesterday by a flash flood near B'nei Zion was today identified by the photograph in her identity card as Mrs. Na'ima Sholbacho, 40, of B'nei Zion *ma'bara*. The infant was her five-month-old daughter, Shoshana. Mrs. Sholbacho is survived by a husband and four children.

Police searched the banks of the swirling wadi today, but found no trace of the missing woman. Only the rear wheels of the overturned jeep in which she had been riding were visible in the muddy stream.

The identification was made by the survivors, who were shown the photograph of Mrs. Sholbacho given to the police by her husband.

The jeep which belongs to the Ministry of Defence, was driven by Mr. Shmuel Mualim, who was returning to B'nei Zion where he lives. He gave a lift to three men on the road. When he took the turn to the side road leading to his village, a woman, holding a baby, stood in the rain, and the men in the jeep made room for her.

Some 500 metres before B'nei Zion, the jeep was overturned by the sudden flow of the wadi. The men climbed to the roof, shouting for help, and help did come from the villagers, who brought their tractor as near to the water as possible. They threw ropes, which the marooned travellers picked up.

While the woman was grappling with the rope, the baby she was holding fell into the water. She cried and leaped after her child and, within seconds, disappeared in the flood.

NILE OVERFLOWS

GENEVA, Wednesday (Reuter). — The League of Red Cross Societies tonight launched an international appeal for emergency relief for 9,000 Egyptians made homeless by the Nile floods.

cent Society said that blankets, sheets, beds, pullovers, women's dresses and shawls and children's sandals were urgently needed.

WORST STORM IN U.S.

CHICAGO, Wednesday (UP).—The worst storm of the winter trapped thousands of motorists in snowdrifts today and isolated entire towns as it flung snow, ice, freezing rain and tornadoes across virtually the entire United States.

At least 15 deaths were blamed on the storm which was barrelling north-eastward across the Great Lakes region today.

48mm. Over Natanya

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—There were 48 mm. of rainfall at Natanya from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and 45 mm. at Lydda Airport, the Meteorological Services reported. At Tel Aviv Port, rainfall was 60 mm. in the 12-hour period.

The figures for other places were: Misgav Am, 32; Mount Cana'an, 29; Haifa Port, 25; Tiberias, 28; Afula, 21; Ramla, 9.

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Social & Persona

Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, Mr. Richard Crossman, British Labour M.P., and Mrs. Crossman were the guests on Tuesday of the Chaim Weizmann Agriculture School in the Negev.

Mr. Crossman was received by Mr. Mordechai Namir, Secretary General of the Histadrut, yesterday.

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ARRIVALS: Rev. Reuven K. Youngdhal, of the Mount Olive Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, U.S., for a seven-day visit.

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Mr. J. Shavit, a Jerusalem lawyer, assumed the post of District Officer of the Beersheba Sub-District this week.

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Mr. David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, will address today's meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club at the E.O.A. House, at 1.15 p.m.

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Professor Leo Strauss, Guest Professor in Philosophy and Political Theory at the Hebrew University, is to lecture (in English) on "The Classical Solution," the second of the Judah Magnes Memorial Lectures on "What is Political Philosophy," at 8.30 this evening, in Room 72, Ratisbonne Building.

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BIRTH

BEN ZUR — To Shoshanah (née Ben-Ami) on December 29, 1954, at the Assuta Hospital, Tel Aviv — a son, brother to Aya and Zivit.

Jerusalem Manager Of P.E.C. Appointed

Mr. Avraham Daskall has been appointed Manager for Jerusalem of the Palestine Electric Corporation which has taken over the Jerusalem Electric and Public Service Corporation.

Mr. Daskall has been with the PEC since 1932 and served for some 15 years as manager of the power station at Nahariya, after which he was transferred to the head office of the Corporation in Haifa.

He has been in Jerusalem for several weeks taking over from Mr. A. Singer who has been Manager of the Jerusalem Corporation since 1948.

The J.E.C., which has concession rights in Jordan, will be liquidated but will form a new company to continue operations in Jordan, partly with local capital. This was announced in Parliament on Tuesday night by the Economics Minister, Khulusi Khairy, NEARS reported.

Khairy revealed that when the Jordan economic delegation was in London recently it opened negotiations with the Director of the JEC. The liquidation will be similar to that carried out recently in Israel, the new company will be capitalised by both Jordan and the J.E.C., he said.

The company has concessions in Ramallah, the Old City, and Beit Jalla.

Case Against Makers Of Washing Powder

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has instituted legal proceedings against the Brave company, manufacturers of washing-powder, the Ministry spokesman announced yesterday. Its action followed the receipt of many complaints from housewives that the bleach was far too strong and severely damaged fibres, the spokesman added.

On investigation, the spokesman alleged, the Ministry discovered that the firm was manufacturing washing powder without a licence and without an official allocation of the raw materials considered necessary to control the quality of the product.

It is understood that the case will be heard in Natanya next month.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
202, 240, 32.5 & 41.9 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME
202, 240, 41.9 & 51.0 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 9 a.m., 2.15 and 4.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.00 Close Down. 12.00 N. Programme for Factory Workers (Haifa). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.30 Opera (R). 3.30 Close Down. 4.00 p.m. Tots and Teens. 4.30 Light Music (T.A.). 4.50 Where to Go (Jerusalem). 5.00 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.30 Mid's Corner. 7.00 Concert Hall: Triple Concerto for Violin, Piano & Orchestra (Beethoven): "The Wasps" (Vaughan-Williams). 8.00 Communities in Israel. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Knesset and its Committees. 9.15 Piano Recital: Alisah Herr. Works by Composers who died in Concentration Camps: Klein, Haas & Ullmann. 9.45 Variety Programme. 10.15 Kol Tzahal Orchestra. Conductor: Meinar Schlosberg. Soloist: Rose Sander: Works by Debussy, Mozart, Gabizon, Magnanet, Lavry & Walter. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
202, 208, 214, 227, 41.9 & 51.0 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 Programme for Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish Programme. 8.00 Close Down. 1.45 p.m. Rumanian. 5.00 Hungarian. 6.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA: (28.8 M.): 11.15 p.m. News. Newsreel. 11.30 Suite for Orchestra (Goldin).

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 232 & 232 M.): 5.30 Opening. 6.32 Pianist. 7.00 Songs. 7.20 Among the Press. 7.45 Quiz. 8.00 News: 8.45 Classical Request Programme: Works by Mozart. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post December 30, 1954

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Criminal Appeal
Before the President (Justice Olshan), Justices Silberg and Landau.

The Attorney-General, Appellant, v. The Gershoni Co. Ltd., Respondents. (Cr.A. 121/54).

Liability of Landlord for Tenant's Infringement of Building Permit

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal by the Attorney General and set aside a judgment by the Tel Aviv District Court, sitting as a Court of Appeal, which quashed a conviction by the Magistrate's Court.

The respondents are the owners of a building in Rehov Shlomo Hameiech, Tel Aviv. One of their tenants, a Mr. Guttman, who occupies a ground-floor flat, enclosed one of the balconies of his flat, contrary to the specifications of the building permit granted under the Town Planning Ordinance. He was charged before the Magistrate's Court where he was found guilty and fined, the illegal construction being demolished by order of the Court.

The Gershoni Co. Ltd., as owners of the building, were also charged and found guilty by the Magistrate's Court of an offence under section 23 (1) (a) of the Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance, 1941. They were fined IL.25 and ordered to pay IL.50 costs.

The Company appealed against this conviction to the Tel Aviv District Court which, in two separate judgments, held that they were not guilty, dismissing the contention that, even if the Company themselves had not carried out any work which was not in conformity with the building permit, they were nevertheless guilty of an offence under section 25 (9) of the Ordinance.

Section 36(1)(a) states that any person is guilty of an offence who "carries out any work... for which a permit is required, without having obtained such permit or not in conformity with such permit." Section 35(9) states that "for the purposes of Sub-section (1) the person carrying out any work... means the person who holds or ought to be holding a building or other permit."

The Attorney General appealed against this decision to the Supreme Court, before which he was represented by Mr. Silbiger and Mr. Dinai-Avlin; the respondent was represented by Mr. Goldenberg.

Judgment

The President, in delivering the judgment of the Supreme Court, pointed out that there was no difference of opinion between prosecution and defence as to the fact that the Gershoni Company was the holder of the building permit. The difference arose on the question whether the fact that the tenant had been found guilty of carrying out work not in accordance with the permit and had been punished did not absolve the Company from all blame, in the criminal sense.

The Magistrate's Court, Justice Olshan said, had held that the work was carried out with the knowledge and consent of the Company — a decision which was set aside by the District Court as not based on facts. The Supreme Court, however, would not consider this question at all, since in any case they considered the Company guilty of an offence, whether the work was carried out with their knowledge and consent or not, and this in the light of section 25 (9) which states that "the person carrying out any work means the person who holds... a building or other permit."

Since it was generally agreed that the Company holds the building permit, and since neither side disputed the fact that work not in conformity with the building permit had been carried out, the Court held that the Company was guilty of an offence under section 25 (1) (a).

Appeal allowed and sentence of Magistrate's Court confirmed.

Judgment given on December 21, 1954.

More Blind Get Training

In view of the successful sale of goods manufactured by the blind, the Ministry for Social Welfare has recently started a course for 18 blind youths, 17 to 25 years old, where weaving and ordinary school subjects are taught, it was officially announced yesterday.

Upon completion of the course, which is being conducted in conjunction with the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry for Social Welfare plans to set up independent workshops for the participants, furnish the necessary equipment and grant loans.

Those participants who do not show signs of personal initiative during the course will be placed in existing cooperatives in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Fifty blind families now support themselves by making baskets, mats and brushes. The Ministry supplies the raw material and markets the finished product. It intends to order IL.-150,000 worth of raw material from Reparations goods in the near future.

Meanwhile a new occupation for blind workers has been developed this citrus season by the Rehabilitation Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, which trained 30 sightless to sort and wrap oranges. Tnuva and Yahin Hakal enterprises agreed to employ them as packers. More blind workers will enter this trade for all-the-year-round jobs. This venture helps to fill the almost complete lack of occupations for the handicapped in non-protected enterprises.

Malben and the Ministry of Defence plan to set up a knitwear factory for the employment of the blind, in co-operation with the Department of Rehabilitation.

The Ministry of Welfare announced a year ago or more that it would establish protected workshops for the blind residents of Pardess Hanna camp, but nothing has yet materialised.

THE JAFFA OFFICE of the Excise Department has been moved to the Levant Fair grounds in Tel Aviv.

Latecomers Bring Toy Fund to IL.12,332

Late contributions to *The Jerusalem Post* Sa'ad Hanukka Toy Fund bring the total to IL.12,331.995.

IL.58 — Middle East Tube Co. Ltd., Haifa.
IL.20 — Rasco, Tel Aviv.
IL.15 — Shoham Maritime Agency Ltd., Haifa; Sara Polikansky, Tel Aviv.
IL.10 — Apon, of Moledet, Emek Jezreel; Staff of Paymaster's office, Tel Aviv; Gabi and Ilana, Rachat Gan.
IL.10.500 — N.N., Jerusalem.
IL.9 — A. W. Krupp, Louisville, Kentucky, (through Mrs. Molly Lyons Tel-David).
IL.1,250 — Dr. E. P. Finkelstein.
IL.5 — Instead of a personal gift on the occasion of Rabel Schocken's Bat Mitzva.
IL.3,600 — Zvi and Bella, Haifa.
IL.3 — Michal and Ruth Gitlin, Jerusalem; N.N., Haifa; I. Spitz; N.N., Tel Aviv.
IL.1,800 — Katzka, Jerusalem, Esther Hamernik (for Yehudit Hirvenstein), Liora and Reuben Bardach, Tel Aviv.
IL.1 — J. Lodwak; Daniel and Amos Stein, Tel Aviv.
(L.0.500) — Esther Holevy, Tel Aviv.

'Armon Textiles' Shop Display Winner

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Wednesday. — "Armon Textiles," a small ultra-smart textile shop on Rehov Hanevi'im here, was winner of the only prize awarded in the "Mother's Day" shop window display contest. It has been announced by the Municipality. Rehov Herzl, the north's main shopping centre, hot favourite to carry off most of the five prizes to have been awarded, only managed one "special mention" award given to the Kanfi and Company textile shop.

The winning shop is striking with black, white and silver as its only colours. It features a large plaster cast of a mother bending over her child, a silver candelabra with white candles and a variety of cloth in black and white.

The shop, which is illuminated by fluorescent lighting, is one year old and the owner, Mr. Imre Garbovitz, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he changes his display every week. Kanfi and Co. display the municipal badge with the aid of a large ship and colourful cloth.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions:—
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the international "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

Drawings by Yehuda Bacon and Glaze Paintings by Deborah Blumenthal, Mora Studio Art Gallery, 9 Ben Maimon Avenue, Rehavia (10-1, 3-6).

Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 26 Rehov Shlomo Hameiech. Open 9-1.

"Hommage a Matisse."—"Master drawings" Exhibit of the month: Woven tapestry, Persia, Middle Ages: Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 4-6.

★ Lecture:—
Prof. A. Bonne on "Impressions of a Voyage to Japan," auspices The Israel Society for Oriental Studies, Terra Santa, Hall 31, 8.15 p.m. sharp.

★ Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour, new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Santa, 10 a.m.

★ Film Shows:—
Koren Haycraft, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions:—
Paintings by "The Independents": Adam, Wiesenfeld, Harouti Calahorra, Shulman, Katz Art Gallery, 97 Dizengoff Road, 10-1, 3-7.

1) Jacob Wechsler, recent oil paintings, 1954. 2) Drawings by Masters of the Italian Renaissance (reproductions). Open daily 10-4; Fridays, Saturdays 10-1; Sundays 4-10 p.m. — Tel Aviv Museum.

★ Theatre:—
Habimah, "The Wild Duck," Habimah (Workers), 8 p.m.
"Cameri," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.

AFULA

★ Theatre:—
"Pygmalion", Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.

HERZLIA

★ Theatre:—
Habbimah, "The Caine Mutiny," 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Ziratron:—
Josephine Baker with a grand Circus Revue, 6.30 & 9.30 p.m.

★ Theatre:—
Do-Re-Mi, "Rose from Istanbul," Rama Hall, 8.15 p.m.

Beersheba Training Centre Opens Today

The Minister of Labour, Mrs. G. Myerson, and the head of the U.S. Operations Mission, Dr. W. G. Hale, will today inaugurate in Beersheba the first of six vocational training centres established jointly by the Government and the USOM. The Ministry of Labour has built modern workshops at a cost of IL.250,000, while the U.S. Mission has invested about $120,000 in machinery of which part is already installed and part is en route to Israel from the U.S.

The centre will teach some 150 apprentices or semi-skilled workmen. About 45 men and youths have already started to learn carpentry and metal machining.

Courses in carpentry and machine-tool crafts have begun in the large five storey vocational training centre in Jaffa which is designed to serve the Tel Aviv area, the Ministry spokesman reports. The building, formerly a flour-mill, has been partially converted, and work is proceeding on the remaining repairs. The U.S.O.M. has provided all the equipment.

The Ministry's Department of Vocational Training intends to devote the Tel Aviv Centre primarily to working youth. Fortnightly courses will be organised with the help of Noar Oved youth movement and the Manufacturers Association. Each floor has workshops for a separate trade: carpentry on the first, lathes on the second, metal handicraft on the third, electricity and radio on the fourth, and a teaching kitchen, with canteen, on the top floor.

A similar trade centre is now being built in the Keren Avraham quarter, north Jerusalem. Here again, the UBOM will purchase machinery in the U.S., according to Ministry requirements. The present vocational workshops run by the Government in Talpiot ma'abara will move to the new centre.

Technical hitches are delaying completion of the vocational centre in Nazareth, which should have already opened.

Homosexuals Rounded Up in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Wednesday (Reuter). — Thousands of homosexuals are being arrested in a nation-wide operation in Argentina which netted over 500 this week in Buenos Aires.

Cinemas, bars and streets are being combed. Youngsters are being taken home under caution by the police and adults are being summarily condemned.

Meanwhile, the press is giving unusual prominence to candid descriptions of sexual offences in what is believed to be a synchronised movement prior to legalization of prostitution in this country after a ban of 20 years. A typical comment by the Peronista evening newspaper "Critica" was, "It is neither moral nor human to thwart instincts which cannot be thwarted."

Pipeline Closure Costs Iraq 150m. Dinars

Iraq has lost 150m. dinars in the past seven years because of the closure of the Kirkuk-Haifa oil pipeline, Iraqi Premier Nuri e-Said said in Baghdad recently, NEARS reported.

The I.P.C. has finally yielded to strong Government pressure and has agreed to divert the line from Mafrak, Jordan, through Syria to a Lebanese port. All the three Arab countries concerned will bear the cost of the operation.

Meanwhile, the Anglo-Iraqi negotiations regarding oil royalties have been concluded successfully and Iraq will receive an additional 10m. dinars. Further negotiations will be conducted for the following year in order to increase Iraq's royalties to the same level as that of other Arab oil-producing countries, it was said.

DOGS DESTROYED IN NO-MAN'S LAND

The anti-rabies campaign in Jerusalem's no-man's-land started on Tuesday as workers from Jordan and Israel began the destruction of stray dogs, according to the Old City daily, "El Jihad." U.N. Observers are present at the operations, which will continue for a week.

ZOA House
Saturday night, January 1, 1955, 8.30 p.m.
An Evening of SHOLEM ALEICHEM
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Tel Aviv to Greet 1955 With Private Merriment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The New Year is to receive a merry reception this week-end with dozens of parties scheduled in most of the larger hotels and bars here and in Ramat Gan.

There will also be many private parties, and it is the view of habitual party-goers that the financial situation this year seems to be better than last year, and that there is more ready cash for alcoholic beverages.

Since New Year's Eve falls on Friday, when bars are closed in Tel Aviv (but not in Ramat Gan), the premises are hired by private parties. Hotels, too, are holding private parties, invitations to which may cost up to IL.50 per couple.

The celebration of a secular holiday has met with the indignation of the Chief Rabbinate here which has requested the Municipality to see that dance bands are not permitted to play on Friday night.

Arab Farmers to Get IL.200,000 in Loans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Approximately IL.200,000 worth of loans will be allocated among Arab villages during the year for the development and enlarging of existing groves and cultivated land, Ministry of Agriculture sources have said.

It is planned to enlarge existing groves by 3,000 dunams during the year. Loans of IL.40-80 per dunam will be granted for his work and loans of IL.-20-100 will be given for land amelioration. Some 750 dunams in the hill region will be prepared in this way during the year, the sources added.

Of the 60,000 dunams of olives which are estimated to need pruning and improving, it is intended to work on 3,000-4,000 this year. Measures are to be taken to destroy insect pests, especially the olive fly, and it is hoped that this will result in a 30-40 per cent increase in the crop.

To Discuss Enosis

NICOSIA, Wednesday (Reuter). Archbishop Makarios, leader of the *enosis* (union with Greece) campaign in Cyprus, will have talks this week with the Greek Prime Minister, Field Marshal Papagos on "future strategy" following the U.N. decision to shelve the Cyprus issue, informed quarters said here yesterday.

The Archbishop, who has been in New York for several months to press the *enosis* campaign during the U.N. sessions, cabled here yesterday that he is due in Athens on Wednesday and is flying on to Cyprus next week.

CONSTITUTION NEEDS REVISION — HATOYAMA

TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuter). — Mr. Ichiro Hatoyama, the Prime Minister, said yesterday the wording of the Japanese constitution needed revision to enable Japan to build up a defence force and he would see to this after the next elections.

He told reporters it was an inherent right of an independent country to have the power of self-defence. Japan would therefore have her own defence force and the postwar constitution would not prevent this, but the wording was in need of revision.

RECORDS TO TEACH SPOKEN HEBREW

The Pedagogical Committee supervising the Hebrew Language Campaign has decided to produce a series of gramophone records for the study of spoken Hebrew. Mr. Boaz Schachewitz, of the Hebrew University, will be in charge of the project. Professor S. D. Goitein of the University has accepted the chairmanship of the Committee.

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Aussies Win Two

SYDNEY, Wednesday. — Rex Hartwig today replaced Lewis Hoad as opponent to Vic Seixas, U.S., in one of the two remaining singles in the Davis Cup competition. Hoad was suffering from a strained ligament.

In the first singles today, Ken Rosewall registered Australia's first win by defeating Tony Trabert, United States, in straight sets, 9/7, 7/5, 6/3, to make the match score 3-1.

In the second Hartwig beat Seixas 4/6, 6/3, 6/2, 6/2.

America regained the Davis Cup yesterday by taking a winning 3-0 lead in the five match rubber.

The Davis Cup, symbol of world tennis supremacy, which has belonged to Australia since 1950, was formally presented to the Americans by Governor General Sir William Slim.

(Reuter, U.P.)

Benefit for Jerusalem Underprivileged Boys

The second anniversary celebration of the formation of the Y.M.C.A. Men's Club of Jerusalem on Tuesday took the form of a sports benefit programme of two basketball games and a fencing exhibition to provide free membership of the "Y" over a short period to underprivileged boys of the community.

Membership of the "Y," and the full use of all its facilities, sports, cultural etc., will be given to two boys chosen by the Municipality, and every three months two youngsters will become temporary members of the Boys' Department. The Y's Men's Club comprises Jerusalemites irrespective of race, colour and creed, and its motto is "Service."

Veterans of the Y's Men's Dept. turned out in a basketball game against a team from the Boys' Department and, despite valiant efforts, found the youngsters too well trained and fast, going down by 25 points to 18. The big game of the evening brought a 85-67 victory to Jerusalem Maccabi over the Y.M.C.A. The fencing exhibition was arranged by, and featured, the "Y" instructor, Mr. George Banath.

Guests at the anniversary dinner, held afterwards, included Dr. Hart Schaaf, U.N. Technical Assistant Director in Israel, and Mrs. Schaaf, and Madame Rina Nikova. An excellent ballet performance was given by members of Madame Nikova's troupe, and Madame Nikova herself later demonstrated, and enticed others to join in dancing, her new local dances. *(A.R.)*

Jordan 'Discovers' Israel Water Plan

The Arab League's Boycott Office has "discovered" a great seven-year Israel development project to exploit the waters of Lakes Huleh and Kinneret, and the Jordan and the Yarmuk Rivers at a cost of IL.-700m., according to the Old City daily, "El Jihad," yesterday.

The paper reported that a copy of this "dangerous" plan has now been received in Amman. In an editorial, it called the programme a "project of murder" and demanded that Arab leaders do their utmost to prevent its implementation because "of its danger to the neighbouring countries."

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Income Tax Declarations

Within a short time salaried and self-employed earners will receive their Income Tax declaration forms, if they have not yet received them.

These forms should be completed upon receipt and returned, together with required documents, to the Income Tax Administration, Jerusalem.

Salaried employees must attach to their declaration Form No.3 in which the employer states the amount of salary paid and of tax withheld. If an employee derived his income from more than one place of employment during the fiscal year 1953/54, he should attach Forms No.3 from all of his employers.

All persons with taxable incomes who will not have received Income Tax declaration forms through the mail by February 28, 1955, should apply for such forms at the Income Tax Bureau nearest to their place of residence.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Mair, Jaffa Road, near Egged, 4192. Beit Yisrael, Beit Yisrael Qtr., 3251.
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JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.
ARNON: Stars of the Russian Ballet.
EDEN: Last week.
EDISON: Abbot and Costello Meet Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.
ORGIL: I'll See You in my Dreams.
ORION: King of the Khyber Rifles.
ORNA: The Juggler.
RON: A City on Trial.
STUDIO: The Angel with the Trumpet.
TEL OR: One Minute to Zero.
ZION HALL: L'affaire Maurizius.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

DEC. 29.

Pop. Loans	
1949/50 (IL.10)	98½
3½% Tavel Dollar s(7)	1300
3½% Tavel Dollar s(8)	1300
3½% Govt. Bds. (large)	97½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	93
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	93½
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 8	72½
Elk. Loans ord. sh.	263
A.F.B. Investm. 4% debs. 50/70 c)	98½
ord. sh. "B"	2160
Gazit ord. sh. "B"	107
Ellern's Inv. ord. "B" sh.	168
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	1065
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	77
Bizur 4% debs. 50/65 c)	85
Nir 4% Debs. (bear.) c)	75½
5% pref. ex. c)	86½
Paas 4% debs. 50/64 reg.	86½
"Inva" 5% debs.	89½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg. c)	140½
5% debs. c)	98
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	107
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	89½
Bassco 6% pref. ord sh.	94½
"A" ord. shares	150
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Isr.)	—
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Ldn.	—
Jer. Elec. Corp. ord. sh.	—
Mahoroth pref. sh. b)	94½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	1300
6-8% conv. debs. c)	97½
"Kardanoth" ord. "B" sh.	144½
7% conv. debs. 50/64 c)	103½
Moller-Dee ord. sh. reg x	94½
Pal-Brewery 6%con. sh. c)	97
Assis Bajarno "B" sh.	140
"Tera" ord. sh.	119
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	114
6% debs. "B"	113½
Pal. Cold. 51.7% debs. c)	140
ord. sh. reg. c) d)	213
Pal. Constr. Tr. 5% debs. a)	98½

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-right; e) half div.; x) pruto; y) coupons Dec. 13, 1954; z) coupons June 15, 1955.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Generally showery in most parts of the country. Local thunderstorms.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	50	1	9	4
Tiberias	54	9	11	13
Haifa Port	75	8	11	12
Na'anya	56	8	11	11
Tel Aviv Port	69	12	13	13
Lydda Airport	54	5	12	12
Jerusalem	54	4	8	9
Beersheba	72	6	12	11
Elias	51	11	17	16

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximal yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

RAINFALL FIGURES

	24 hours ending 8 a.m. yesterday (in mm.)	Total since August 1 (in mm.)
Mt. Cana'an	74.6	342.0
Haifa Port	52.8	262.2
Tiberias	20.8	127.5
Ramat David	41.8	186.8
Mishmar Ha'emek	77.1	236.9
Afula	72.1	188.8
Hafsi-ba Gilboa	60.0	158.4
Ein Haboreah	115.3	348.0
Na'anya	116.5	366.9
Ramatayim	96.0	304.2
Tel Aviv Port	80.5	320.8
Tel Aviv Kiryа	110.7	391.6
Kfar Sirkin	124.6	385.3
Lydda	66.0	264.2
Rehovot	99.0	329.7
Akron	37.0	284.8
Hasor	4.3	317.3
Jerusalem	10.8	181.6
Eilat	3.0	34.5

NINE OF THE 2,000 Israel Christians who crossed into the Old City for the Christmas holiday have not yet returned to Israel, Itim reported yesterday.

BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 1955, persons who wish to buy or move explosive materials will be required to obtain a permit from the District Labour Inspector, the Inspection Division of the Ministry of Labour announced yesterday. The application form may be obtained by mail from the District Labour Inspectors in the three cities, and from the office of the Ministry of Labour in Beersheba.

IN ORDER TO speed up action on pending cases involving traffic offences, additional magistrates are to be assigned to them, it is officially announced yesterday.

DEFENCE FORCES APPOINTMENTS

Aluf Zvi Zur is about to complete his tour of duty as Head of the Manpower Division in the General Staff and is being appointed Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Defence, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

Aluf-Mishne Meir Amit is to be the new Head of the Manpower Division. The new appointments are to take effect in March 1955. Aluf-Mishne Ya'acov Rabin, Chief of Training Branch, has been promoted to the rank of Aluf (Brigadier General).

IL.5m. Drop in Money In Circulation

Currency in circulation was IL.161,805,829 at the close of business yesterday, a decline of IL.5,341,347 from the previous week, the Bank of Israel has announced.

The drop was in Treasury Bills (IL.2,800,000) and foreign currency holdings (IL.2,441,347).

The currency in circulation was backed by:

Gold in Int'l Monetary Fund	IL. 2,025,803
Foreign Currency Balances	$1,904,774
Land bonds	77,368,469
Treasury Bills & Gov't Promissory Notes	29,120,659
Total	IL.161,805,829

Bank Leumi Opens Fiftieth Branch

HAIFA, Wednesday. — In Rehov Kibbutz Galuyot here today, the Bank Leumi opened its 50th branch, the 11th in Haifa. Dr. Aharon Barth, Director of Bank Leumi, dedicated the branch by affixing a mezuzah on the doorpost.

The occasion was marked by a reception given by Dr. Barth at the Zion Hotel this afternoon, at which the Mayor, Councillors, members of the Consular Corps and other prominent Haifa residents were present.

Yesterday, the Bank opened its 10th Haifa branch in Rehov Herzliya. Under the name of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, the first Haifa branch was opened in 1908 with a staff of five. Today, the Bank employs 255 persons in Haifa serving 28,000 clients.

IRAQI BUDGET

The Iraqi Parliament yesterday succeeded in beginning discussion on the 1954-55 budget of 51m. dinars after two previous Houses had failed to debate the matter because of their dissolution, the Arab News Agency reported last night.

The Finance Minister, Dia Jafer, announced that the income from oil royalties for this year had increased from 42.5m. dinars to 46.8m. dinars.

RATION NEWS

HAIFA AND SHOMRON DISTRICT: Chocolate for children: 2 bars, no coupon; temp. 12. Cocoa on Aleph and Bet cards: 150 gr., no coupon. Cornflour on Aleph cards: 400 gr., no coupon; temp. 26. Margarine: 300 gr., Nun 17; temp. 9 (To be distributed in two stages of 150 gr. each. Coupons to be surrendered after receipt of second 150 gr.). Semolina for Aleph and Bet cards: 600 gr., no coupon; temp. 28. Tea: 50 gr. (Gimel cards: 100 gr.). Taf Bet 28; temp. 26. Coffee: 50 gr. Taf Bet 44; temp. 26. Oil: 145 gr. olive oil and 205 gr. vegetable oil. Nun 28; temp. 1. Sugar for manual labourers: 600 gr., 76.

TEL AVIV AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Frozen meat for Christians: 100 gr., Taf Bet 4. Sugar: 1 kg. (Aleph cards: 1½ kg.). Samek 7; temp. 3. Frozen meat for invalids: 300 gr., Mat. Gimel 24.

Occupants Saved As House Collapses

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Seven families from Rehov Glusska, in the Carmel Market area of Tel Aviv, were made homeless when the building in which they had lived collapsed this morning.

Mr. Moshe Rahalani, one of the residents, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the first sign of danger had been the breaking away of large stones from the roof and walls. He said that he had hurriedly taken his wife and six-month-old baby from the building and had warned his neighbours.

By the time the fire brigade had been called, it was too dangerous for the occupants on the upper story to descend, and firemen had to rescue them by using ladders set up on a neighbouring roof. Because of their speedy action, there were no casualties.

Mr. Rahalani said that the collapse was not due to the rain, that the bad state of repair of the building had been brought to the notice of the Municipal Engineer's office a year ago. At that time the residents had been informed that the building was in a satisfactory condition.

Roof Caves In Over Court

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Part of the roof of the Magistrates' Court at 38 Rehov Yehuda Halevi here, succumbed to old age and caved in during a court session this morning. There were no casualties.

Chief Magistrate E. Giladi and Municipal engineers declared the building to be dangerous and telegraphed the Ministry of Justice demanding a temporary seat for the Court.

The courtroom, the smaller part of the Magistrate's Court, houses the traffic and Anti-Profiteering Courts, as well as their offices and a library.

Two Imprisoned For Legation Robbery

Zion Yehudai, 18, and Avraham Handlersky, 27, were each sentenced to four-and-a-half years in prison yesterday for breaking into the Netherlands Legation in Jerusalem on Sunday, August 22, and stealing 2,102 sovereigns, 45 gold bars, 30 Netherlands coins and IL.20 in cash. A third youth, David Singer, 18, who admitted to participating in the theft, received a one-year suspended sentence in view of his age and clean record.

All three admitted before Jerusalem District Court Relieving President H.E. Baker, that they broke into the Legation in the Merhavia quarter. All the property, except for 258 sovereigns, has been recovered by the police.

Assistant District Attorney, Mr. H. Kahn, asked for a severe sentence in view of the wave of housebreaking throughout the country. Yehudai and Handlersky were given extended sentences because of the seriousness of the offence and their previous records. *(Itim.)*

Schreibers Confuse A Dog's Nose

An experiment to test the ability of "Herch", a police dog, to identify a person by picking up his scent was ordered by Jerusalem District Judge M. Golan yesterday in the trial of Yitzhak and Nathan Schreiber, who are charged with stealing IL.24,000 from the Kupat Milve Vehisachon bank in Jerusalem.

The test was requested by the brothers after the dog had identified as Yitzhak's a pair of gloves found hidden together with the money in the courtyard of the Italian Hospital.

A previous experiment had been called off when the dog's trainer, Samal Shapira, charged that Nathan had put menthol on his socks in order to mislead the dog. (According to the experiment Nathan and several other persons were to wear a pair of clean socks for one day. The socks were then to be mixed together for 24 hours in a closed jar after which the dog, to prove his ability, was to identify Nathan by the scent of the socks.)

Dr. A. Hirsch, a Government chemist, testified yesterday that a fundamental difference in smell had been found between the socks submitted by Nathan in the first trial and those kept in his box. Nathan countered that this difference stemmed from the fact that he had washed that particular pair of socks with "home-made" soap, compounded of soap remains and tooth paste.

The brothers also cross-examined a prosecution witness, Mr. Eliezer Sussman, in an attempt to prove that his testimony was motivated by a business dispute with Yitzhak over the sale of a diamond. Sussman had testified that Yitzhak had told him where the money was hidden.

The trial has been postponed until conclusion of the experiment. *(Itim.)*

SYRIAN MAC

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in the General Armistice Agreement.

"I took note in this respect of the statement made by the Head of the Israel Delegation, according to which, and under condition of reciprocity, Israel will allow Syrian commercial aircraft to cross the Israel control zone, after clearing with the Lydda control tower."

The Syrian resolution had called for the censure of Israel, moral reparations by presenting an apology to Syria, the payment of damages to Syrian Airlines and the passengers, and called for "vigorous steps" by the Israel authorities to avoid a recurrence of similar incidents.

On all the above clauses, Israel voted against and the chairman abstained, so that the resolution was rejected. The following paragraph was presumably carried by Syria's vote in favour as both Israel and the chairman abstained:

"The MAC notes with satisfaction the efforts made by the U.N.T.S.O. with a view to releasing the detained Syrian civilian aircraft and to ensuring the safety of its occupants."

Damascus Radio reported that the Syrian Premier, Faris el Khoury, announced last night that a special Cabinet meeting will be held this week to discuss further necessary steps. He added that the Government, in addition to its appeal before the Security Council, has decided to take up the matter with the International Court of Justice and the International Civilian Aviation Organization.

RITA.—Columbia Pictures Corporation and Rita Hayworth, the actress, had reached an agreement by which she would return to film acting after a long absence, it was announced yesterday in Hollywood.

Highway Billboards To Be Abolished

The Minister of Interior has asked local authorities not to grant licences for the setting up of billboards along the highways and not to renew those already granted. District Representatives have been instructed to arrange for the removal of billboards that are not within municipal jurisdiction.

The Ministry has issued drafted by-laws to be implemented by the District Representatives. They will be published in *Reshumot* (the official Gazette) after signature by the Representatives.

Histadrut Links Loans To Real Value of Money

TEL AVIV, Wednesday — Histadrut insurance and provident funds will be obliged to link their investments to the real value of money, according to a decision made by the Hevrat Ovdim Secretariat today.

Only investment loans for public buildings in new settlements and border villages may be given without that link. There will be no link required for loans for periods not exceeding 18 months.

Hamashbir Hamerkazi was instructed by the holding company of the Histadrut to represent that body on the new company which will take over the unloading of goods in the Tel Aviv port. The company will start operating after the port is acquired by the Government. The Government will hold 51 per cent of its shares. Total capital of the company will be IL.200,000.

Control Eased On Foreign Currency

Details of the easing of foreign currency control restrictions in the case of persons bringing in funds from abroad have now been released by the Ministry of Finance, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

Israel citizens who bring in foreign currency from abroad, gained from legacies, compensation, life insurance etc., and turn it over to the Treasury, will now be able to utilize from five to 50 per cent of it for their own private use, depending on the individual circumstances. This foreign currency allocation may be used to import refrigerators, pharmaceutics unobtainable locally, and raw materials for industry, Ministry sources said.

Permits Extended For Export to Turkey

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Now that it has become apparent that the export programmes of industrialists are not progressing as rapidly as was originally thought, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has decided to relax the time limitations on the validity of export licences to Turkey in many cases, Ministry sources said yesterday. Most, therefore, will be renewed on application, even if the expiry date has passed.

More than $1m. worth have been renewed recently, the sources said, bringing the total issued to $2,250,000. The Turkish trade "swing" now stands at $2.5m. since $350,000 worth of export licences were issued before the limitations were originally imposed.

It is understood that the Kaiser-Frazer company has now obtained an export licence for Turkey from the Ministry, after meeting with many difficulties, but the Origin watch manufacturers, who were involved in a dispute with the Ministry of Finance three months ago about delays in the granting of export licences, have still not received one.

Rosenberg Hearings To Begin Today Week

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The preliminary investigation of charges against Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, and Rabbi Yehuda Elinson, a member of the World Mizrahi Union Directorate, is to open before Chief Magistrate B. Giladi here on January 6.

The charge sheet states that in October, 1952, the accused obtained a permit from the Controller of Foreign Currency to release IL.18,650 from the blocked account of Dr. Itzhak Rom, of Zurich, claiming that Dr. Rom wished to donate the money to a Mizrahi educational institution. In fact, the charges say, both were aware that Dr. Rom never owned the money and had no intention of donating any.

It is further stated that on May 11, 1953, Rabbi Rosenberg declared that IL.16,650 deposited in a local bank was the property of Dr. Rom, who as resident abroad, was not subject to the 10 per cent compulsory loan.

Mr. Haim Cohen, the Attorney General, will represent the State and Mr. Ya'acov Salomon, of Haifa, will appear for the defence. The first prosecution witness will be Rabbi M. Nurock, M.K. *(Itim.)*

Cancer Origin Known Soviet Scientists Say

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — A Soviet writer claimed today that Russian scientists had discovered the origin of cancer, according to TASS, the official Soviet news agency.

An article in the December issue of "Soviet Union" said Soviet scientists had accumulated considerable knowledge regarding the origin and development of cancer. Important discoveries were made in recent years and now Soviet science knew the origin of malignant tumours and the methods of their treatment, which in many cases had given good results.

Helping Ex-Cons Can Prevent Crime

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — It was within the power of the Association for the rehabilitation of the Prisoner and the Ex-convict to do a great deal for crime prevention, Dr. N. Bar Zakai, President of the Tel Aviv District Court, said here at a meeting of the organization last night.

Chief Magistrate B. Giladi stated that he had obtained from the Minister of Police, Mr. Behor Shitreet, a promise that the police force would help the Association financially.

The group intends to make contact with every prisoner, visit his family and generally dispel the notion that an ex-convict is a person to beware of, it was stated.

RAINS

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argas factory was flooded. Dan buses using it moved very slowly and cautiously.

The Jewish Agency stated tonight that persons living in canvas huts near Hadera were given the choice of moving into solidly built houses but they refused to do it. According to the Agency spokesman, *ma'abarot* those north of Hadera have been little affected by the rain.

Mrs. Rahel Pessel, 28, of the Hatikva quarter, was saved from the three-metre-deep well into which she fell. A constable jumped in after her.

Two women who tried crossing the flooded Salamesh Road slipped and broke their ankles. They were taken to hospital.

At times, the downpour was so violent that even boys using wheelbarrows to ferry stranded pedestrians across streets that had had become rivers at 50 pruta a "ride," had to abandon their wet task and rush for shelter.

Two Chausson buses skidded into ditches and attempts to extricate them have been abandoned until tomorrow. There were no casualties. One accident occurred near Hafetz Haim, on the road south; the other, near Bnei Atarot (Wilhelma), on the approaches to Lydda Airport.

In the south around Beersheba, heavy rain started around ten o'clock tonight. Very little rain fell during the day, but severe cold and winds were reported.

One of the six tents still standing in the Tel Mond *ma'abara*, collapsed last night, and its inmates were given shelter in a hut belonging to the Local council.

Building Labour Force Up 33%

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HADERA, Wednesday.—It is the Government's policy that IL.450m. should be spent on building in the next four years, Mr. H. Flakser, Chairman of the Building Workers Union, said tonight at the opening of its eighth convention. The two-day meeting, attended by 85 delegates, is being held at Beit Remez in Zichron Ya'acov.

He said that there were now 28,000 building workers in the country, an increase of 33 per cent on last year's figure. Some 22,000 are new immigrants.

A total of two million square metres of floor space was constructed last year in dwelling houses and factories. The total since the creation of the State was 11 million square metres, he added. A total of IL.60m. was paid in wages to building workers last year.

Mr. Flakser stated that the Association approved the Histadrut stand that wages should be raised next year, but added that the building trade should revert to piecework, whereby wages would vary with output.

The conference is to discuss questions of employment, vocational training, wages and social benefits. It is likely to propose steps to prevent undue fluctuations in the volume of building activity, and the establishment of pensions and rehabilitation funds for old and infirm building workers.

Of the delegates, 47 belong to Mapai, 18 to Mapam, 15 to Ahdut Ha'avoda, four to the Communist Party and three to Ha'oved Hazioni (Progressives).

Sweeping Changes In School Syllabus

Sweeping changes are included in the new curriculum for grades five to eight of the elementary schools which was released for publication yesterday by the Ministry of Education and Culture. Included in the curriculum are studies in modern Hebrew literature, modernization of geography studies and the addition of "social studies" and domestic science.

The curriculum, planned by a committee consisting of Mr. A. Avigal, (Chairman), Messrs. Y. Bansal, A. Melamed and Dr. M. Kochva, will be used experimentally for two years.

Social studies will be aimed at training the children in group discussions, parliamentary procedure, majority-minority relations, etc.

Domestic science, to be given in the seventh and eighth grades, will include instruction in the repair of furniture, plumbing, cooking utensils and electrical wiring. The pupils will also study furnishing and decoration.

Geography lessons will stress the study of neighbouring countries, particularly Turkey. The study of the U.N. has also been brought up to date.

'Missing' Chemist Wasn't

The Canadian chemist who was reported missing, and about whom information was sought from the Jordan authorities, has been staying at his uncle's home in Haifa, it was revealed yesterday.

When the chemist, Mr. Albert Stone, learned yesterday morning that he was "a missing person," he notified the police that he was with his uncle.

It was thought, when he left Jerusalem last Friday, that Mr. Stone's destination was the Dead Sea Works, where he is to take up an appointment. *(Itim.)*

Israel and Jordan Swap Detainees

The 54-year-old man who was detained by the Arab Legion after having crossed the border by mistake a week ago was returned to Israel yesterday at Mandelbaum Gate. He is David Bedin, an employee of the Jerusalem Municipality.

At the same time, the Jordan civilian who was injured during the incident at Battir, south of Jerusalem, on November 28, was returned to Jordan. This was the action in which four Arab Legionnaires were killed after a clash with Israel soldiers inside Israel territory.

The civilian, Nimer Mustapha Alkam, was wounded and has been under treatment in Hadassah Hospital. A fifth Legionnaire was also injured, and is still in Hadassah Hospital.

Mr. Bedin reported that he crossed the border last Wednesday near Tel Arza, as he was on his way to his home in the Geula quarter. He lost his way in the dark and asked a man in uniform how to get to Geula. The man answered in Hebrew, "Come with me," and took him to a police station — in Jordan.

He was then blindfolded and taken to the Kishle prison in the Citadel in the Old City, where he was questioned on the economic and military situation in Israel. He replied that Israel has "a lot of soldiers and plenty to eat."

He was treated decently, he added. *(Itim, "A-Diffa")*

DEAD SEA WATER FLOWN FOR CURE

A flask of Dead Sea water was flown by an El Al plane yesterday to Reverend A. Murrow, a Protestant clergyman in New York, who requested it as treatment of his son's skin disease.

The flask was given to El Al by the Tar travel company, one of whose officials, Mr. A. Weissman, last year presented a jar of this water to a tourist, the president of a U.S. Christian Organization for Israel.

Several persons have apparently used Dead Sea water to cure skin ailments despaired of by physicians. Rev. Murrow appealed to the tourist company to provide him with a flask of the water.

'INCODE CAN PRODUCE 500 TONS A MONTH'

LYDDA AIRPORT, Wednesday —The new Incode meat factory in Eritrea can produce 500 tons of frozen meat monthly, a quantity sufficient for Israel's current consumption, Mr. Ya'acov Meridor, director of the firm, said here today on his return by TWA. He added that, within a year, new refrigerated warehouses in Eritrea would enable the doubling of the factory's production of meat and that export markets would be sought. *(Itim.)*

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Ben-Zvi's Visit Haifa

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi, accompanied by the Minister of Communications, Mr. Joseph Saphir, travelled by the early morning train yesterday from Jerusalem to Haifa. Despite the rain, they visited the Railway workshops and spoke with workers and members of the management. The party toured the Kishon area, afterwards boarding the s.s. Artza where they lunched. They also visited the Port area and met workers and management representatives. It was officially announced last night.

Shoham reported that in a speech aboard the s.s. Artza, the President recalled how, during his student days in Istanbul, he had suggested that Jewish organizations buy a Russian ship costing 200,000 rubles, about $20,000. The project failed because the money could not be found.

In 1914, he had travelled to Salonika by ship arriving there on Friday evening, the President continued. Most of the port workers were Jews, and the Captain virtually chased the travellers ashore to get his ship cleared before the Sabbath began. He tried to persuade the port workers there, Mr. Ben-Zvi said, to go to Palestine, and about a dozen registered for emigration. Of these, two did arrive and settled in Jaffa as porters, Mr. Ben-Zvi is reported to have said.

IL.1M. PROPOSED FOR CIVIL DEFENCE

The Civil Defence Service has presented to the Ministries of Interior, Defence and Finance, a draft budget of approximately IL.1m., it was officially announced yesterday.

The Service's budget is covered by the Treasury and local authorities. The Knesset Finance Committee authorize the share to be borne by the Treasury.

Indo-China States Get Financial Independence

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — Financial treaties completing the independence of the three Associated States of Indo-China were signed here today by France, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

France had previously granted independence in the political and judicial fields. Today's agreements were worked out after six months of negotiations dealing with monetary and customs matters.

Under the accords, the Indo-Chinese piastre linked to the French franc disappears. Each of the three states will have its own currency and will fix its own exchange rates, though parity among the three will be maintained during a transition period.

Can't Get Away from It

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Mr. Yitzhak Ariel, one of the two sailors who spent three days earlier this month fighting for their lives on the hull of a boat adrift in rough seas, this week won a prize in a lottery arranged by the Chen Cinema here.

(The prize was a copy of the book, "The Cruel Sea," the film version of which is now showing at the Chen.)

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Pig-Breeding Motion Rejected by Knesset

An impassioned appeal to stop pig-breeding in Israel and to ban the sale of pork products, except by Christians to Christians, was launched in the Knesset yesterday by Rabbi Salmat Ben Yaacov (Agudat).

Later, Mr. E. Genachovsky (Hapoel Hamizrahi) claimed that when the present Government had been formed it had been agreed that a general law against the consumption of pork would be passed within three months, if it proved that the existing legal instruments were insufficient, and that a year had passed since then. He called for a general debate on the need for a law to ban the consumption of pork.

Measures already taken by the Government were outlined in reply by Mr. P. Rosen, the Minister of Justice, who said that the present law permitted pig-keeping only in Central Galilee. A number of pig-breeders in other areas had been fined. The matter was now being transferred to the Food Control Department, which was empowered to order confiscations where regulations were not observed.

The motion was struck off against the votes of all orthodox members and Herut.

Dr. Dov Joseph, the Minister of Development, at the same session, denied an allegation by Dr. Avniel (Herut) that the manager of the Harsit Hol v'Sach factory in the Negev had been improperly dismissed, and launched into a defence of action taken to salvage the Dead Sea Potash Co.

The motion for a general debate was rejected, but a proposal calling on Dr. Joseph to report to the Finance Committee both on he dismissal and on the position of the Government Companies in general was passed by the votes of the opposition and the General Zionists. After the vote was taken, the chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. E. Gurl, announced that both points were already on the agenda of the Committee.

Peron Praised As Friendly to Jews

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The friendly attitude of the President of Argentina, Senor Peron, towards the Jews of that country was lauded today by the Chief Rabbi of Argentina, Dr. Amram Blum.

He told *The Jerusalem Post* that Senor Peron had been one of those instrumental in establishing a Hebrew section in the Department of Divinity at the University of Buenos Aires.

Dr. Blum said that Jewish communal life in Argentina, more than anywhere else in the Diaspora, was like the life Jews used to live in Eastern Europe. Almost 100 per cent of the 250,000 strong Jewish population of Buenos Aires were members of synagogues and *yeshivot* and Jewish day schools were flourishing.

No Argentine Jew could hold communal office unless he was an active Zionist, Dr. Blum continued. One of the reasons for his visit here was to take back to Argentina Israel-trained teachers.

Dr. Blum, who arrived two days ago, is a native of Hungary and for some years had lived in Israel where he was a member of the Va'ad Leumi.

Cables in Brief

SURRENDER.—Planes are under way in Tokyo to drop leaflets over the mountain jungles of New Guinea telling hundreds of Japanese soldiers thought to be hiding there that the Pacific war ended 10 years ago and calling on them to surrender.

TURBINE. — The first Westinghouse gas turbine power plant to be used outside the western hemisphere has been ordered by Manufacturas Metalicas Madrilenas, Spain's largest manufacturer of iron, steel and aluminium product. It was announced yesterday by the Westinghouse Electric International Company.

ILO. — The 60-state International Labour Organization has received an application for membership from the East German Government, it was announced in Geneva yesterday.

US Orthodox Rabbis Ban New 'Ketuba'

NEW YORK, Wednesday (JNA). — More than 200 members of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis in the U.S. and Canada, unanimously adopted a resolution yesterday proclaiming a prohibition of the *Beit Din* (rabbinical court) of the Conservative Rabbinate and of the latter's newly-revised marriage contract.

The Orthodox group issued a statement in which American Jews are cautioned not to "consult the so-called *Beit Din* of the Conservative Rabbinate on any matter pertaining to marriage or divorce or on any other religious question."

The resolution declared that "the Conservative Rabbinate is pursuing a course of heresy contrary to the essential doctrines and fundamental principles of our Torah and faith."

The convention warned the American Jewish community that the "functioning of the *Beit Din* of the Conservative Rabbinate and the use of its revised *Ketuba* (marriage contract) will cast a shadow of illegitimacy upon the offspring of such marriage and will create a breach within the Jewish community."

Wheat, Maize Crops To Be Expanded

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — By 1960, we will be able to supply 40 per cent of the country's wheat and maize needs, whereas only 15 percent is supplied at present, M. A. Kam, head of the Field Crops Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, told a press conference here today.

He added that the country had almost reached self-sufficiency in the growth of grains for fodder. The total imports this year amounted to only 10,000 tons out of a total consumption of 180,000 tons.

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FLOOD AND STORM

WADIS filled and overflowing, houses flooded, families forced to evacuate, roads rendered impassable, villages cut off, *ma'barot* flooded, the police mustering and universally helpful, the army geared to assist *ma'barot*, the navy out with small boats to rescue marooned householders, bridges rendered unsafe, and normal civilian activities of all kinds cancelled on account of traffic difficulties; this is the toll reported everywhere as the full force of annual rains hits the country.

As the storm breaks over a number of points each year there is a certain amount of emergency planning and quite a spate of promises about what will be done to avoid any repetition of the trouble; and it is true that some measures are taken to prevent the recurrence of damage and suffering. But it is disquieting to see certain areas coming back regularly into the news whenever heavy rainstorms take place. The recollection of flooding, damage and hardship in the heavy rains of 1951 for example give a picture which reflects that of today much too pertinently. Thus we read of the Nahal Musrara overflowing at the Yarkon bridge cutting off traffic to Ramat Gan. "By noon," it was stated in relation to December 21, 1951, "the Musrara had become a 400 metre-wide river, its fast-moving muddy waters carrying away branches, broken packing cases and washing torn from lines in flooded courtyards."

Many of the same quarters of Tel Aviv which were reported flooded then are in the news again today and there is distress and damage in Hiriya and Sakiya *ma'barot* as in former years with the army rallying to the assistance of stricken residents. Insofar as the *ma'barot* are concerned the Jewish Agency had done an excellent job since the terrible years of 1950 in removing residents of these temporary abodes to permanent housing so that the major centres of distress today are largely those in which the inhabitants obstinately refused to move to the permanent quarters which had been assigned to them.

It is distressing to hear of newer housing estates being flooded, with families having to evacuate. Why were sites chosen which were liable to flooding? Were not proper surveys made beforehand and the history of the site ascertained? If they were why were not the building plans adjusted accordingly? There should be sufficient careful inspection and supervision to avoid the evils in advance and to ensure that part of the great housing effort which has followed the establishment of the State should not be in danger of becoming future slums.

The flood damage to cities is only one side of the picture; considerable losses in soil follow every annual inundation, but here it is at least comforting to know that the problem of soil conservation is being energetically tackled. Sufficient progress has been made to have won the praise of the Dr. A. G. Black, head of the Food and Agriculture Organization mission here; who said already over a year ago that soil conservation was more fully developed in Israel than in most Mediterranean countries.

The past year has also seen positive attempts to proceed with the building of dams in order to conserve some proportion at least of the precious water which goes to such destructive waste in floods. But annual visitations with the interruption in normal services of all kinds which the rains bring indicate that there must be no slackening in short term efforts, a greater concentration of long term planning on the national level, and certainly more action on certain obvious projects, one of the most striking examples being the Nahal Musrara, a source of so much distress to the Tel Aviv area each winter.

FASHION SHOW YIELDS IL.8,000 FOR T.B. CARE

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Some thousand representatives of the fair sex, elegantly dressed, many in luxurious fur coats, filled the Dan Hotel lobbies here yesterday afternoon, despite the rain, to attend a fashion show given by Tel Aviv's *haute couture*. The show was sponsored by the Anti-Tuberculosis League and, together with a raffle, yielded IL.8,000.

UNESCO Conference Roundup (I)

Russians in, 'Disloyal' Americans Out

By a Special Correspondent

PARIS — NOW that the permanent UNESCO officials have winged their way back like homing pigeons, from sun-baked Montevideo to wintry Paris, escorted by serried flights of procès-verbaux and *ordres du jour* in three or more languages, it is possible to pick out the highlights of the recent General Conference and to evaluate ("evaluation" is the latest UNESCO fad) the voluminous reports of what was achieved there.

For Israel, the main feature was that she tried to get on the new and enlarged Executive Board and failed, though not ignobly. To a casual observer, this might seem an isolated fact, of interest and importance mainly to Isreal, but it is more than that. Israel, as always, in spite of herself and to the distress of her own weaker vessels, is the barometer, the witness, the test case. Israel's failure testified to the Conference's failure.

How was it that of 70-odd delegations, comprising close on 500 well-intentioned, intelligent, eminent and responsible public servants, some 95 per cent were agreed on Iran as the most desirable country to have on the new Executive, and 90 per cent of them thought that Egypt should also be there, while just half thought Israel deserved an executive share in the educational, scientific and cultural councils of the world? But, given the cold war and the voting strength of the Latin American and the Arab blocs, it is surprising and gratifying that so many delegations did vote for Israel, since they had nothing to gain thereby.

$10m. a Year

UNESCO is such a benevolent institution, and its good works are so unobjectionable. All the money, just over $10m. a year (a bagatelle), comes from the haves and goes to the have-nots. Why then does contemplation of its proceedings always leave a bad taste in the mouth? Why did all these Ministers of Education, these Assistant Foreign Secretaries, these scientists and sociologists, put on such a month-long exhibition of high-falutin' phrase-mongering and demagogic window-dressing? Why did they acclaim compromises that were surrenders and fail to face facts. The answers are not on the surface, and there is no villain of the piece.

There is only a series of unproven assumptions, such as that if nations knew more about each other they would like each other better, or of palpably false assumptions, such as that there are no conflicts of interest but merely deplorable misunderstandings, which will melt away in the warmth of international intellectual intercourse if only "politics" weren't dragged into it. And there is the professorial prejudice that reason is a decisive thing in human affairs.

The outstanding event of the Montevideo conference was undoubtedly the return of Russia, Poland and Hungary after the years of boycott. They took their seats and paid their back dues like good boys. Rumania and Bulgaria applied for membership, but were blocked by the solid "Western" opposition under U.S. leadership. Some of the delegations regretted this as pernicious "politics" disrupting what should be the intellectual harmony of UNESCO. Israel opposed Rumania's entry on the grounds of persecution of the Jews and Zionism by the present regime.

From the first moment, Russia used the UNESCO forum to attack the Nationalist China delegation as representing no one. The Conference listened and said nothing, but inadvertently confirmed the Russian contention by remitting the larger part of the Nationalist Chinese delegation's back dues, as these had been calculated on the basis of China's population, not Formosa's.

Russian Used

Russia's demands for equal rights for the Russian language with English, French and Spanish were met in part: Russian is to be one of the "working languages" of the UNESCO Executive, which will only mean allocating a modest budget for translation and printing costs. "Western", i.e. United States, leadership was accepted by the conference on the issue of Rumania and Bulgaria with some slight protest, and on the issue of Nationalist China with more misgivings because of the surface logic of the Russian position. The U.S. representatives had a harder fight on two other issues, which came nearer home to the bosoms of most of the delegates. The first raised before the eyes of all these free and independent intellectuals the spectre of bureaucracy: the U.S. Government wanted UNESCO Executive members to be formally confirmed as responsible representatives of their respective Governments.

This would certainly tie their hands in larger matters, but the Executive member who went out for projects, big or small, that his government was not prepared to endorse, only wasted time and other people's patience. It had become clear that it was necessary for the Executives to be the sort of people who know what one can and cannot get government departments to do, who have some notion of public finance, and who see themselves in a position to obtain positive commitments from their own Governments. It is only the Governments that can implement nearly everything advocated by UNESCO, whether it is a revolution in postage on text-books, or a change in the law of copyright, or, as in Israel and most other countries, the grant of foreign exchange for travelling expenses for some professor to take part in some international symposium. Sufficient people went to the Montevideo conference instructed by their Governments to vote for the change, and it was carried

The other issue on which these official intellectuals felt themselves attacked in their own persons was that of a "loyalty" test. The U.S. Government had not been able to secure the dismissal from the UNESCO Secretariat of seven American citizens whose loyalty to their country had been questioned and who had refused to return from Paris to face a judicial enquiry, or to appear before an administrative enquiry commission sent to Paris from the U.S. There was no provision in the UNESCO constitution for dismissing persons not found guilty of any crime and adequately doing the job they were under contract for. The U.S. delegation went to Montevideo with instructions to threaten to smash UNESCO rather than yield on this issue—to make it known that the U.S. Congress would withhold its allocation to UNESCO, and that the Director-General would resign if he were not empowered to dismiss U.S. officials who would not face a U.S. loyalty test. On the strength of those threats the U.S. delegation got its proposal through, under a very loosely phrased description of the qualities the Director-General is entitled to demand of his officials, amongst them being "loyalty and integrity."

'To Own State'

A certain Congressman Scott of Pennsylvania, told the press that "loyalty" of course meant loyalty to the citizen's own State and denied the possibility of "supra-national loyalty to any "supra-national" institution.

There are two issues involved: should there be a layalty test and, if so, how can it be applied? It is under the second head that McCarthy has mocked justice and simple decency. It was on the second issue that Abraham Feller chose death in New York in 1952; he was convinced that there must be loyalty guarantees, precisely among U.N. officials, and then he saw how the thing was being done and where it was leading.

But it remains arguable that the process is necessary and does not have to be unjust. Now, for example, there is one Israel official in the UNESCO secretariat, a very high-ranking person. It is an open secret in Paris that he is an "honorary" Israeli only, i.e. he holds an Israel passport without ever having lived in Israel. How this has come to pass your correspondent has no notion, but he hastens to assure readers that the official in question does no harm, at least no harm comparable to the discredit cast on their bona fide Israel passports by many Israel emigres, and this is not the point for the moment. Let us take someone else, a hypothetical real Israeli, a high U.N. official. How should we feel if Israel newspapers were to reproduce reports that he was an Arab agent, if our Government were to consider the reports well enough founded to institute a prosecution, and he were to refuse to return to Israel to face the courts?

(This is the first of two articles).

Readers' Letters

FIRE HAZARD

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I attended a performance at the Tel Aviv Ziratron together with an audience of thousands, among them very many children. Despite the "No Smoking" signs and the fact that the manager twice asked the audience not to smoke, hundreds of people did smoke during the programme and the intermission. The police on duty not only made no attempt to stop them but many of the police themselves were smoking. In case of fire the Ziratron could go up in flames in a matter of minutes and claim an untold number of victims.

Yours etc.,
MOLLY LYONS BAR-DAVID
Jerusalem, December 28.

MAOZ TZUR

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Hanukka has come and gone once more. And again thousands of us have repeated without thinking, the savage words of the first verse of *Maoz Tzur*, "When Thou shalt have prepared a slaughter of the blaspheming foe, I will complete with song and psalm the dedication of the Altar".

It would be in accord with the new conditions of the State of Israel to change the wording of this verse and some of those which follow. Cannot our poets be inspired to something worthy of our ethical tradition — before next Hanukka?

Yours etc.,
NORMAN BENTWICH
Zichron Ya'acov, December 25.

New Villages Without Medical Aid

By RUTH CALE

A FEW weeks ago, Kupat Holim restored its services to Ahi Samah, a sprawling farming community south-east of Lydda. After a year and a half of no medical aid to the 80 families from Tripolitania — "because they failed to pay their Histadrut dues — the sick may now go to the clinic at Ramle, about an hour's walk. No personnel is available yet for the twice-weekly service on the spot.

At Ahi Ezer, south-west of Lydda, the situation is worse. For over a year the brand-new green prefab clinic has been firmly locked, since the 100 Yemenite families have not paid their dues either. Their argument is simply, as was that of the Ahi-Samahana, that they have no money. According to Health Ministry officials, another two or three villages in the area are without medical aid, and Kupat Holim confirms that this is the "most difficult district." In the Jerusalem Corridor, where Hadassah does much good work, it says, and in Western Galilee, there is "no trouble." Mr. Yitzhak Kanev, Director of Kupat Holim, thinks that much depends on availability of instructors and on the human material in the villages. There is no instructor in Ahi Ezer, and for a long time there was none in Ahi Samah.

Urgent Need

Protracted and heated negotiations preceded the Ahi-Samahans' agreement to pay a high sum in arrears for services rendered prior to Kupat Holim's withdrawal and to affirm that from now on they would default no more. Some of them had felt the need very badly, not so much because trachoma and ringworm are widespread in the community but for a lot of daily ailments. They kept taking their complaints to the government Tipat Halav nurse who comes twice weekly to look after pregnant women, infants and school children, and to the second government nurse who for several months investigated diarrhoea among small children. "Our nurses got so swamped with general sickness complaints that they often had little time to devote to their proper tasks," said the Tipat Halav supervisor at Ramle. As I accompanied a nurse on her round of the village, a woman whose face had been mauled by goat kicks and a man with a high temperature wanted urgent help.

Pockets of Pills

The Jewish Agency instructor, a dedicated woman who finally persuaded the settlers to pay up so that Kupat Holim would return, was walking around the village, her pockets bulging with all sorts of pills which she had scrounged.

Most of the people of both Ahi Samah and Ahi Ezer are apathetic; they don't care very much about anything. Few have managed to learn a bit of Hebrew, despite the fact that they have been in the country for five years. Some women didn't even know whether their children had diarrhoea, and when the nurse found out and gave them medicine and detailed instructions in sign language (and with the help of those who understood some Hebrew) she was discouraged. "Might as well save my breath. They won't boil drinking water, and tomorrow the children will again sit in the rubbish without pants on, surrounded by flies, and munching filthy bread.

Many children suffer from trachoma and ringworm. A survey conducted by the Health Ministry some time ago revealed that of 61 children tested for trachoma, 32 were positive; and the disease is widespread among the adults too — some are blind and some have only one eye. Now the children get treatment for ringworm, but it is a slow job because Ministry transport to the Tel Hashomer Hospital is not always available, and when it is, the nurse has a tough time rounding up the children, who go into hiding at the sight of the ambulance.

Many Yemenites suffer from other diseases, no less nasty. They do nothing about their condition because there is no Agency instructor or anybody else to plead with them.

There are areas where women won't have their babies in hospital. (In Migdal Ashkelon, says the Health Ministry, home births are almost 100 per cent). The women of Ahi Ezer don't have a clue when delivery is due, just a few know the proper age of their children. ("He's two today," the nurse told a mother, "he has a birthday, go prepare for a party.") A Ministry doctor, when asking a mother about the age of her child, invariably gets the reply, "ask the nurse.") Once the pains start there is no time left, without proper transport facilities, to go all the way to hospital and the mothers assert that they can't afford to stay away from the home so long, for there is no one to substitute for them, although most homes abound with sisters, mothers, cousins and older children.

National Insurance money for delivery in hospital doesn't really tempt the villagers; probably they don't quite understand it yet. Perhaps payment of part of the sum immediately after delivery, if they go to hospital, would do some good; the women would at least get a few days' badly needed rest and the babies would be attended to. This matter is now under discussion between the various authorities.

Even when the Kupat Holim clinic operates, conditions are not so wonderful. If an emergency occurs on any of the four week-days on which the clinic is closed the people may, according to Kupat Holim officials, call with their membership cards at the nearest open clinic. However, the people of Ahi Ezer asserted that they used to go as far as Lydda, because the overworked staff of the neighbouring clinics at Zeitan and Yagel wouldn't take them on. Further, they must go into town, for anything that requires thorough laboratory tests. Trips to Tel Aviv usually take a whole workday, what with the long waits for transportation and also at Kupat Holim.

In theory, Kupat Holim carries on for three months after the people stop paying their dues; in practice, however, says Mr. Kanev, "we often hang on as much as a year," pleading and arguing, before finally closing a clinic. Of course, when agreement is reached for resumption of service, the villagers have to pay up their former debts.

Collective Dues

Often interruption of services is not the fault of the individual, who may pay his dues promptly, but that of the village council which doesn't forward them. For to keep overheads at a minimum, the Histadrut charges the council with the collection task. Dr. Avraham Bennau, of Kupat Holim, says that if a small part of a community only pays membership fees, these people get medical services at the nearest clinic, and as soon as numbers make it feasible, a clinic is opened in the village. Health Ministry officials, on the other hand, say that many villages are on one collective membership card, and thus the individual gets punished for the default of others.

Fees are low indeed; certainly lower than those paid by veteran Histadrut members. During the first couple of years in the country, out of his Histadrut dues the immigrant farmer pays between IL.1,850 and 2,250 a month to Kupat Holim for his family. This rises to about IL.3 a month or slightly more after he has been in the country four to six years. Compare this with Kupat Holim's average expenditure, per family, of IL.300 a year, of IL.8,300 a month (calculated on the basis of next year's budget of IL.40m., divided by 400,000 families). But that, says Mr. Kanev, is the idea behind "mutual aid," for which the Histadrut stands.

"These people simply must learn to pay their dues, and the Jewish Agency must teach them, as it teaches them so many other things," says the Kupat Holim chief. He has suggested to the Agency that it pay these fees on behalf of new immigrants, first the full amount and then a bit less each year, until, in the fifth year, the settler pays the full sum and later refunds the initial loan.

Moreover, the same system should be adopted for National Insurance contributions.

These suggestions are now under discussion by the Agency and the Histadrut.

Yesterday's Press

Arabs Destroy 'Last Illusions'

THE rain and the Paris agreements competed for first place among yesterday's headlines. Little has been left unsaid on both topics: only two papers commented editorially on the latter subject and none on the former. "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) came again out against the concept of Western defence, stressing that no such defence was needed because nobody was going to attack anyway. The paper expressed the hope that France would not give in to Dulles and Mendes-France. "Omer" (Histadrut) stresses that to a large extent the opposition to Mendes-France comes from people who favour collaboration with West Germany but who want to bring down the Prime Minister. The paper says that there can be no doubt as to Mendes-France's patriotism and his stand as a Jew: a realistic appraisal of the situation made his decision necessary.

"Herut," in an editorial headed "The Destruction of Illusions", deals with the recent statement of Fares el Khoury that Syria will take American arms to make war against Israel and Saleh Salem's declaration that Egypt will not make peace with Israel whatever compromises are offered. The paper said that this speech should once and for all put an end to the illusions nursed by the Foreign Ministry that it will be possible to somehow reach an agreement with the Cairo junta.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) reviews Middle East events since the Suez agreement and says that hopes for the beginning of a new era have not been realized. Appeasement of the Arab League has not brought about an improvement in relations with the West. On the contrary, a deterioration has set in with the pressing of more far-reaching demands by all the Arab States. The dagger and the gallows, the main instruments of Arab League policy, will soon be replaced by more modern instruments of destruction—American arms supplies.

Builders' Progress

"Davar" (Histadrut) and "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Avoda) deal with the convention of the building workers trade union, and note considerable improvement in employment during the past year, as well as the manifold achievements of the building labourers: a pension fund, the establishment of the principle of equal wages for workers in cities and the countryside, etc.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) joins the anti-New Year (Sylvester) chorus while "Zmanim" (Progressive) draws attention to one of the most notable of recent exploits in Israel journalism: "Ha'aretz" special correspondent last Tuesday reported in a front page story marked "Nicosia" details of how the citizens of Cyprus had celebrated Christmas, hoisted the flag of Enosis on churches on the occasion of the holiday, decorated the Christmas trees etc. etc. "Zmanim" remarks that hitherto the Greek Orthodox Christmas has always been celebrated on January 6....

In Memoriam Rabbi Tal

RABBI Justus Tal, the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Holland, who died on December 9, was the eldest son of Rabbi Tobias Tal, a brilliant orator and author on Jewish subjects who died in his 40's in 1898, and whose memory always inspired the son. The second great influence on his life was that of the Rector of the Amsterdam Rabbinical Seminar, Chief Rabbi Dr. J. H. Dunner, who died in 1911 and next to whose grave Chief Rabbi Tal was laid to rest.

Like his father, Chief Rabbi Justus Tal was a scholar with the gift both of the word and of the pen. Together with Mr. Prins (now in Jerusalem) from 1924 to 1928 he was editor of the first-class Jewish weekly "*De Vrijdagavond*" (which ceased publication long before the war), and served as editor of other Jewish periodicals as well. Many of his articles were polemical (for example, against the Reform movement). He was well acquainted with Christian theology and entered into discussion with leading Dutch theologians.

In 1918, he became Chief Rabbi of the provinces of Utrecht and Drente, settling in Utrecht — where he remained for almost a quarter of a century. The last years of World War II he and his wife spent in hiding in Amsterdam. His qualities and energetic personality found full scope when he became Chief Rabbi of Amsterdam at the end of the German occupation.

He strenuously attacked any of the moves to perpetuate anti-Jewish tendencies hanging over from the Nazi occupation, was instrumental in preventing the introduction into parliament of a prohibition on Shehita, and fought relentlessly for the fostership rights of the Jewish community over its own war orphans. Although never a Zionist, he did not hesitate to act in the interests of Israel.

Rabbi Tal combined forthrightness, charm and natural dignity which made him highly esteemed among non-Jews as well.

His tall, gaunt figure, with a slightly untidy beard and somewhat impatient movements, will be painfully missed. His death irrevocably closes a long chapter in Dutch Jewish history.

HENRIETTE BOAS

KEEPING POSTED

THERE have been various suggestions during the past week for the prevention of road accidents, including psychological tests for drivers. We recall a story, a number of years back, of a driver who went to renew his licence. He was waiting in a queue of applicants when a wizened little old lady hobbled in, leaning heavily on a stick. Supposing her to have left her invalid carriage outside everybody made room for her, but when she reached the

clerk she produced an ordinary driving licence and in a quavering voice asked to have it renewed. The clerk studied it for a while, and then observed that it had expired about six months previously. Why had she not come in time? "Young man," she quavered on, "I have been bed-ridden all this terrible winter. But now that it is warm again I must be back at my work of converting the heathen."

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WE were studying the matter of ages in an American news agency's circular to its correspondents recently, and discovered that as we get older we also have prospects of becoming younger. The editor of the agency instructs copy-writers to keep in mind that people are now considered "young" until they are past 35, and then remain middle-aged until they are 65. After that, they become eligible for an old age pension, but are not necessarily "old."

The editor notes specifically that some years ago a man or woman of 62 might have been described as "elderly," but that this term has been pushed out a little further now, and does not apply before about 66. He ends the homily by saying "and if we are still here ten years from now we'll put the limit up to 75." He only bears out a remark by the late Menahem Ussishkin, who died at 78, who once observed "when I was young, only old people got to be 70, but nowadays almost everybody is that old."

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BEN Yehuda Street in Jerusalem is decorated with blue and white banners calling on the population to learn Hebrew. They are handsome but a little high-flown in style, and have puzzled many beginners, though the scholars of course appreciate them. We listened to a boy of about 11 explaining to his mother that the third strip reads "Speak Hebrew and you will become healthy" (Daber Ivrit v'hivreta). The mother told the child firmly that it was nonsense and that he wasn't reading properly. We were tempted to intervene and say that the boy was right, but that "health" had to be given a rather wide interpretation in this case, but she only looked at us suspiciously and said the truth was, we probably couldn't read either

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A SHOE-shop near the Generali Building in Jerusalem displays a large clear sign announcing in Hebrew and English "We are moving? The Hebrew side continues with the phrase "25 per cent reduction," while the English side only reads "15 per cent reduction." That should persuade anybody who still doubts whether learning Hebrew will repay the effort involved.

WHILE everything that appears in this column is of course always strictly accurate (there being absolutely no need to exaggerate) and we have never been accused of treating serious matters lightly, our sympathy goes out to the Habimah actor who devised a radio skit, entitled "The Hasmoneans preferred Blondes." The sequence was in the grand manner of such Hollywood pseudo-Biblical films as "Samson and

Delilah," and was to have been performed by Galei Zahal, the Army station, for its customary humorous end-of-a-holiday Hanukka programme last Sunday. According to "Yedioth Ahronoth," the Chief Chaplain of the Army at the last moment banned the play, with the argument that the battle of the Hasmoneans had absolutely nothing to do with blondes. He is undoubtedly right in his argument, but the Army sponsors might have claimed that they are the heirs in direct line of the Hasmoneans, and as such full of direct knowledge of how the Hasmoneans felt about blondes, even without records.

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